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PREFACE

To the Chairman and Members
of the District Council

Madam Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my report on the health of the district for the year 1969. This includes an account of the work carried out under various Acts of Parliament by the Health Department and conforms to the requirements of Annual Reports laid down by the Department of Health. I hope you will find it to be of interest.

You will see from the tables of statistics that Clowne Rural District compares very favourably with the country as a whole and is a reasonably healthy place in which to live. The infant mortality rate is again below the national figure and the neo-natal mortality rate is well below that for England and Wales.

1969 saw the beginning of real progress in the field of slum clearance. Two of the worst areas in the district were represented and, after public inquiries, confirmed as clearance areas. These were old and dilapidated properties in Mount Pleasant and John Street, Clowne and California Lane, Barlborough. It is my opinion that bad housing is one of the basic evils in society and the cause of much mental and physical ill health as well as a great many social problems. Many middle aged people today have never known such basic amenities as indoor sanitation, hot water and a bathroom — things that many of us take for granted. It is to be hoped that no more young families will grow to be middle aged without these amenities. We are now pressing on towards demolishing or improving even more bad property in the area. The

emphasis is now on improvement where possible within the terms of the new Housing Act which came out in the autumn of 1969.

Throughout the year we had no serious epidemics or outbreaks of food poisoning, I am glad to say. The few sporadic cases of Sonne Dysentery, Psittacosis and Salmonella were rapidly and thoroughly investigated and did not spread.

I must thank most sincerely the officers and members of the staff of Clowne Rural District Council who have shown much co-operation and help throughout the year and in compiling this report.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

M. JOAN CASH,

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Mansfield.

STATISTICS in the AREA

Area (acres)	13,423
Population (Census 1961)	19,769
Population mid-year (Registrar General 1969)	19,730
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1969)	6389
Rateable value (end of 1969)	£520,201
Sum represented by a Penny Rate 1969	£2,020

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS	Total	Male	Female
Live Births	298	145	153
Rate per 1,000 population (corrected) ...	15.4.		
Illegitimate Live Births	18	9	9
(Per cent of total live births) ...	6.		
Stillbirths	4	2	2
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths ...	13.		
Total live and stillbirths	302	147	155
Infant Deaths			
(deaths under one year)	5	3	2
Infant Mortality Rates :—			
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births			17
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births			—
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)			7
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)			7
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)			20
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)			Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			Nil

Comments

The total number of births is slightly down on last year but an interesting point is that there were 8 more female than male births. There were 2 fewer illegitimate births than last year, 9 of each sex, and I am glad to report that none died. There were 4 stillbirths during the year, again two of each sex, one fewer than last year. The neo-natal (deaths under 4 weeks) rate and the early neo-natal (deaths under 1 week) rate are well below the national figure and once more I am very glad to say, that the maternal mortality was nil. Only two babies died under 4 weeks of age, that is from conditions associated with the birth. Three babies died between one month and one year of age, one from congenital defects and two from respiratory infection, bringing the total infant deaths to 5.

I think the standard of ante-natal care is high in Clowne Rural District and that most mothers are aware of the importance of routine examinations throughout their pregnancy. It may be worthwhile pointing out, however, that hospital confinements are advisable and safer in some cases. These are :—

- 1.—First confinements.
- 2.—Fourth confinements and any subsequent ones..
- 3.—Mothers over 35 if it is their first confinement.
- 4.—Previous history of serious complications.

With regard to infant feeding, there is a tendency nowadays for mothers to ignore breast feeding and even bottle feeding is cut to a minimum. Babies are started on mixed feeding and solids at a very young age, sometimes under one month. I think it should be remembered that milk is a baby's natural food until at least the age of six months. It is instinctive for a baby to suck and the art of chewing and mastication does not develop until a baby is becoming active and cutting teeth, from six months onwards. Breast fed babies are happier, seldom fat and far less prone to infection.

Below is a table comparing the vital statistics for the past four years :—

	1966	1967	1968	1969
Births	366	298	309	298
Deaths	214	191	234	255
Stillbirths	2	4	5	4
Infant Deaths	6	6	5	5
Infant Mortality Rate	16.4	20	16.1	17
Neo-natal Mortality Rate	10.9	16.8	16.1	7
Maternal Mortality Rate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Our figures for 1969 and the National ones are as follows :—

	Clowne	England & Wales
Infant Mortality Rate	17	18
Neo-natal Mortality Rate	7	12
Peri-natal Mortality Rate	20	23
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate	7	10
Livebirths	15.4	16.3
Stillbirths	13	13
Deaths	13.9	11.9

DEATHS

Total	Male	Female
255	146	109

Comments

The total number of deaths has risen slightly and as usual there were considerably more male than female, in every age group. Of the total deaths of 255, 189 were over the age of 65, roughly three quarters, and 118 of these were over 75. The chief killers over the age of 65 were cardiovascular and chest complaints as is to be expected.

Cancer

51 people died from cancer and all except 9 of these were over the age of 55. There were nearly twice as many male cancer deaths as female. There were 14 deaths from lung cancer, 12 of them male. 10 of these deaths were over the age of 65.

Coronary Heart Disease

There were also 51 deaths from coronary heart disease, all except 3 being over 55. Twice as many males as females were killed by this disease but it is interesting that all except one of the female victims were over 65 whereas 14 of the males were under 65. There were 2 male deaths from this cause between the ages of 25 and 44. This is very young indeed.

Circulatory Disease

52 deaths occurred from circulatory diseases including "strokes"; 36 over 75 and a further 11 over the age of 65. This was the main cause of death in old age.

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There was one suicide during the year and I am sorry to report 13 deaths from **accidents**, 4 of these car accidents. During the whole year, only one child (between 1 and 15) died from any cause and this death was, in fact, caused by an accident. Nearly all the accidental deaths were in old people, 4 being women over 75.

Summary of the Main Causes of Death

	Male	Female	Total
Coronary Disease	34	17	51
Cancer (all forms)	33	18	51
Circulatory Disease	23	29	52
Respiratory Conditions	18	10	28
Heart Disease	8	17	25
All accidents	6	7	13
Abdominal conditions	10	4	14
Endocrine diseases	1	2	3
Diseases of nervous system	1	—	1
Miscellaneous	12	5	17
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TOTAL	146	109	255

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were no serious outbreaks of infectious disease during the year. Attendance of mothers at the baby clinics was good and the immunisation rate high. The diseases against which mothers can have their children protected are the following :—

Diphtheria
Whooping Cough
Tetanus
Smallpox
Poliomyelitis
Measles
Tuberculosis

During the year 164 babies received primary immunisations and 334 received booster injections. Tuberculosis inoculation is carried out in secondary schools.

There were no deaths from infectious disease during the year and once more there were no cases of tuberculosis notified.

Scabies

This disease, common in the last war, is now on the increase again. There were several cases in Clowne during the year. This unpleasant skin infection is very easily passed on so prompt treatment is essential.

I am glad to report once again that no case of food poisoning was notified during the year.

Cases of infectious disease notified during the year 1969

Notifiable Disease	Number of Cases notified.										Total Cases notified in each Parish of the District			
	At Ages - years													
	Total	Under 1	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 upwards	Barlborough	Clowne	Creswell	Whitwell
Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Encephalitis Lethargica	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other forms of Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dysentery	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
do. (Non-Paralytic)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles	10	..	1	3	2	1	3	..	..	..	1	3	5	1
Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Para-Typhoid Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Food Poisoning	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..
Meningococcal Meningitis	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Infective Jaundice	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	15	1	1	4	2	1	4	—	2	—	2	5	6	2

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics and School Clinics are provided by the Derbyshire County Council at the County Clinic, Creswell Road, Clowne. The following services are provided at this clinic under the auspices of the County Council.

- 1.—Ante-natal.
- 2.—Cervical cytology (smear tests)
- 3.—Infant Welfare
- 4.—Sale of Welfare Foods
- 5.—Family planning
- 6.—Dental Treatment (for expectant and nursing mothers and school children)
- 7.—Vaccination and immunisation.
- 8.—Chiropody.
- 9.—School and handicapped children's clinics by appointment.

Ambulance Service

This is provided by the County Council.

Laboratory Facilities

Analytical are provided by the County Council.

Bacteriological are provided by the Public Health Laboratory service at both Sheffield and Derby.

Chest Clinics

There is a Chest Clinic provided by the Regional Hospital Board in Chesterfield. This is the most accessible to Clowne Rural District Residents. There are also similar clinics in Worksop and Mansfield. Mass Miniature Radiography is available in Sheffield.

Veneral Diseases

Treatment and advice in strict confidence can be obtained at Derby Royal Infirmary, Chesterfield Royal Hospital, Victoria Hospital, Worksop and Mansfield General Hospital.

It is most important for anyone who may have contracted one or more of these diseases, which are becoming all too common, to seek advice.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

I am glad to say that once again no action was necessary during the year under Section 47 of this Act.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in Clowne Rural District.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

The water supply to the Clowne Rural District is provided by the North Derbyshire Water Board. The supply has been sufficient in quality and quantity throughout the year! The Engineer and Manager to the Board has very kindly sent me the following report. I would like to thank him for this and also for his co-operation throughout the year.

The area is supplied primarily from the Board's Manton Works augmented with a supply from the Bols-over Moor Works.

The first stage of the Board's development at Manton became operative in 1967 and work has continued towards the erection of the softening works at Lowtown.

Currently, water is derived from two sources at the Manton Works and after controlled mixing and chlorination, is supplied via covered service reservoirs.

The resultant quality of supplied water has been bacteriologically satisfactory. The number of examinations involved in 1969 were :—

Bacteriological	129
Chemical	239

The quantity proved adequate for normal household purposes

Before being brought into service all new mains were washed out and disinfected and samples taken to confirm the efficiency of the operation. No other action was necessary in respect of post treatment contamination.

Chemical results vary with the location due to the fact that two supply systems are involved and approximate ranges of characteristics are as follows :—

Alkalinity (CaCO ₃)	140 - 230 mg/l
Total Hardness (CaCO ₃)	150 - 400 mg/l
Chloride (Cl)	40 - 170 mg/l
Fluoride (F)	0.1 - 1.0 mg/l

The treated waters in the area have given rise to no concern on the grounds of plumbo solvency, and analyses on the supply waters at source, in distribution and after overnight contact with lead service pipes have yielded figures within the recently revised acceptable lead concentration.

The number of houses connected during the year was 149 and 1,461 yards of main were laid for housing developments.

WATER SUPPLIES

Parish	Popu- lation (esti- mated)	No. of houses supplied with district water from stand pipes	Popu- lation (esti- mated)	No. of houses using wells, etc.	Popu- lation (esti- mated)
Whitwell	4,842	Nil	Nil	1	3
Creswell	6,365	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Clowne	6,307	Nil	Nil	4	16
Barlborough	2,316	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	19,830	Nil	Nil	5	19

SEWERAGE

All the urban areas are adequately served by sewers and sewage disposal banks, only a few outlying premises are not on a main drainage system.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The following information has been asked for by the Ministry of Health :—

Milk Supplies—Brucella Abortus

No. of samples of raw milk examined	Nil
No. of positive samples found	Nil
Action taken in respect of positive samples	Nil

Egg Pasteurisation

No. of egg pasteurisation plants in the district	Nil
No. of samples of liquid egg submitted to the Alpha-Amylase test and their results	Nil
Comments on the year's administration of these Regulations	Nil

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	211
No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	211
No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	211

Poultry Inspection

There is no poultry inspection in Clowne.

FACTORIES ACTS

There are 25 factories registered in the Clowne Rural District which are inspected from time to time, and action taken as it is necessary. Conditions generally were found to be satisfactory.

1. **Inspections** for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises.	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Written notices
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	24	14	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (excluding outworkers' Premises.)	—	—	—
Total	25	15	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found — Nil.

3. Outwork.

Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council
Wearing apparel, making, etc	2	—
Making of boxes, etc.	1	—

ANNUAL REPORT

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SURVEYOR AND

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the Year 1969

Madam Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Ninth and last Annual Report for your information and consideration. The accent of the work of the Department during 1969 was on slum clearance. In addition to continual rehousing of families from Barber's Row two slum clearance orders were made against property in Mount Pleasant, John Street and Cliff Hill, Clowne and also in the California area at Barlborough. Up to the time of writing the Clowne No. 1 Slum Clearance Order had been approved with minor reservations and the decision at Barlborough is still awaited.

There has been one disappointment, however, with regard to Government legislation in connection with improvement areas. In the Housing Act, 1964, there was provision for the compulsory powers to improve certain areas if the owners refused to take action. Certain delaying safeguards were written into the Act in the event of disagreement between the owner and the tenant. The Public Health Inspectors' Association, of which I am a member, proposed to tighten these provisions in order to speed up the procedure in securing the improvements. Unfortunately, when the Housing Act, 1969, appeared on the Statute Book the compulsory powers, instead of being tightened, had, in fact, been eliminated. The effect of this legislation means that only three courses are open to local authorities :

- (a) persuasion of owners to improve their properties with the aid of increased grants ;
- (b) to acquire properties in certain areas and carry out improvements themselves ;
- (c) to allow property to decay to such a standard as to warrant slum clearance action.

As the latter course is not palatable to a progressive local authority there remains only the two alternatives. It is difficult to escape the conclusion that the new Act has lessened the prospects of local authorities saving houses which could have been preserved for a large number of years.

With limited staff and a limited budget the Department has functioned as well as possible. I would like to thank my successor, Mr T. G. Robinson, for his loyal support during the year and also thank the staff, both technical and clerical, who have worked well in often difficult circumstances. I would like to thank Mr Culverhouse and Dr. Cash for their co-operation during the year.

Since I joined the services of Clowne Rural District Council over fifteen and a half years ago there has been a considerable amount of progress to the benefit of the residents of the rural district. I would like to think that I had made some contribution to this progress.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR B. BUCKLAND,

Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector.

CONVERSION OF PAILS AND PRIVIES TO WATER CLOSETS

The steady progress made during the last few years in converting pails and privies continued, three conversions being completed during 1969, and we are now faced with a position where only a few properties still remain which have these out-moded sanitary conveniences.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Work was commenced during the year on the sanitary conveniences at The Green, Clowne and when completed will enable the demolition of the constantly criticised block at North Road, Clowne.

There was no let-up during the year of vandalism and again the maintenance costs were extremely high. Every endeavour is made during the design stage of new blocks to incorporate vandal proof fittings, but this has only marginally decreased the amount of damage caused.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Plants discharging to the Ouse River Authority Area Low Common Barlborough

Unsatisfactory effluent samples have been received which is probably due to the unsatisfactory maintenance rather than the design of the plant. This plant treats only the few houses at Wood Lane, Low Common.

Slayley Lane, Barlborough

A comparatively new and basically well designed works. Unsatisfactory effluent samples are again due to inefficient maintenance rather than defects in the plant itself.

Low Road, Clowne

Generally gives no trouble and turns out satisfactory effluents.

Plants discharging to the Trent River Authority Area

Hellin Hill, Clowne

The construction work of phase I in the scheme for enlargement and improvement of these works was completed during the year. The works now turn out an effluent complying with the Royal Commission Standard but any further increase in development in Clowne is likely to see this as a purely temporary state of affairs. It is imperative that phase II be completed as soon as possible so that our anxiety over Clowne expansion can be relieved.

Elmton

This plant has given little cause for concern even though its working has been affected by mining subsidence. Generally the effluent has conformed to the 20/30 Royal Commission Standard.

Creswell

The continuance of unsatisfactory samples from these works is thought to be due to the discharge of large quantities of water from the local colliery which is overloading the plant. No improvements can be expected until this discharge has been eliminated.

Whitwell

A most unsatisfactory plant which is due for complete renovation. No basic improvement can be expected until these works have been carried out.

Hodthorpe

Maintenance problems have been experienced on this newly constructed works but minor problems have not, in general, interfered with the satisfactory effluents obtained.

Southgate Bungalows

The pumping station and rising main sewer again performed satisfactorily during the year and required only routine maintenance.

It is surprising to find that no course of study is available for sewage works attendants and when one considers that development worth many hundreds of thousands of pounds can be held up by the performance of a works it is indeed regrettable.

CLEANSING AND SALVAGE

Although the refuse collection side continued to function reasonably well due mainly to the endeavours of the majority of the cleansing staff who carry out their duties under very difficult conditions with none of the benefits usually accorded to workers in private concerns, the salvage collection still gives rise to constant worries. It must be faced that unless some more efficient system can be devised to the one operating at Clowne then salvage collections could be discontinued. Efforts to improve those operations had not reached the working stage by the end of the year but were continuing.

The only tip in use at Speetley, Barlborough, has given rise to few complaints but as the final fill is reached nuisance could arise unless precautions are taken to protect properly the perimeter with satisfactory fencing.

One of the most difficult things to overcome in controlled tipping is the provision of a satisfactory 'cover' for the tip as soil is either not available or expensive. Arrangements were made with Stoctley Company for large amounts of Colliery Stone dust to be made available at a cheap rate for intermediate covering of tip faces, but final covering still remains a pressing problem. The Morris tip at Creswell which should have been turned over to the Welbeck Estates Co. Ltd. some years ago is still held up by this same difficulty.

Paper and metals have been salvaged and the revenue from this source brought in a total of £248 8 6d.

Given below is a summary of the work carried out by the Cleansing Staff :—

Bins	Privies	Ashpits	Pails	Cesspools
346,572	181	143	1,977	145

It is pointed out that the cesspool service allows for four free emptyings per cesspool during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

Difficulties were experienced during the early part of the year due to the enforced absence from work of the Council's Rodent Operative through ill-health. Part time staff managed to deal with urgent requests for help until a new Operative was employed in December, 1969. Transport problems, however, still prevented the work of this section of the department functioning efficiently. Plans to start a survey of farms and agricultural properties in the rural district had to be shelved, but efforts were made to circularise all these properties indicating the help and advice available from the department.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

No applications were received for further caravan sites within the rural district and therefore the site at Boaler's Corner occupied by the Misses Roberts remains the only licensed caravan in this area.

It was again necessary to try to implement the provisions of the Derbyshire County Council Act against itinerant caravan dwellers who insist on breaking the law by siting their caravans for longer time intervals than allowed for by the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act and usually in the most undesirable positions.

HOUSING ACT, 1957 — UNFIT HOUSES

During the year demolition orders were made in respect of five houses.

During the past fourteen years 260 houses were declared unfit and a total of 115 properties were demolished

RENT ACT, 1957

During 1969 no applications for a Certificate of Disrepair were received. There were no applications from owners for cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

There were four applications for Discretionary Grants and sixty applications for Standard Grants.

The advice on and supervision of Improvement Grant applications and the inspection of the work carried out involves a great deal of the time of the department, but this part of our duties is one well worth while and the time involved is well spent.

HOUSING

Steady progress was made during the year in both local authority and private building and the following table of completions gives the dwellings erected in each parish.

	Council	Private
Whitwell	-	5
Creswell	-	
Clowne	53	47
Barlborough	2	7
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TOTAL	55	59

The obvious conclusion from this table is that Clowne continues to be the parish in which expansion takes place. Much of the Council building programme was specifically to rehouse the occupiers from the Clearance area at Mount Pleasant, Clowne, and indeed by the end of the year many had taken up residence in their new homes.

In the private sector new dwellings were not completed at the rate expected earlier in the year and no doubt this was due mainly to difficulties in obtaining mortgages.

The successful conclusion to this Council's first major Clearance Area was a source for much gratification to the department and it is hoped that slum clearance will now assume its rightful role as the most important single duty carried out by the Health Department. This can only be achieved, however, with the full co-operation of the Council in the provision of new houses to replace the ones razed to the ground. There is no doubt in my mind that this co-operation will be forthcoming.

PRIVATELY OWNED HOUSES

Repairs to privately owned houses as a result of formal and informal action by the department are as follows :—

Dwellinghouses

Roofs repaired	...	...	...	45
Floors repaired, ventilated, etc.	...	...	...	5
Plastered walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	33
Windows repaired, made to open, etc.	...	...	...	7
Sashcords renewed	...	...	...	4
Doors repaired, rehung, or renewed	...	...	...	7
Firegrates repaired, reset, or renewed	...	...	...	8
Chimney Stacks repaired	...	...	...	10
External walls pointed	...	...	...	10
New sinks provided and fixed	...	...	...	1
Eaves gutters and R.W.P. renewed	...	...	...	33
Sink waste pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	...	9
Yard paving repaired	...	...	...	1
Dangerous walls repaired	...	...	...	-
External walls cemented or tarred	...	...	...	-

Drains, etc.

Obstructed drains cleared	...	...	...	93
Inspection chamber covers renewed	...	...	...	4
W.C. basins renewed or repaired	...	...	...	5
W.C. cisterns repaired or renewed	...	...	...	3
Closet structures repaired	...	...	...	5
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	123
Unclassified	...	...	...	16
Yard gullies provided and connected to drains	...	...	...	-
Drains repaired or reconstructed	...	...	...	1
Closet pails provided	...	...	...	-

NEW BUILDINGS INSPECTION

A total of 296 applications for erection and alteration of buildings were received. 232 new buildings were completed involving a total of 1,673 visits.

59 private dwellings were completed during the year.

A total of 87 applications were received involving a planning decision.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Consequent upon co-operation between this Authority and owners of private houses, the standard of houses is improving generally. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied totalled 164 for the year. The Council did not this year have to resort to legal proceedings against any house owners.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

There are three stations measuring atmospheric pollution in the district at Hodthorpe, Creswell and Clowne. The readings of deposit gauges and sulphur candles of the respective stations made a consistent pattern during the year.

Several visits and discussions have taken place with regard to unsatisfactory conditions at Steetley Dolomite's Quarry at Whitwell. Suggestions have been made to the management and improvements are expected to take place. The nuisance does not generally arise from the main industry on site — the rotary kiln — but from the subsidiary stone dust and gravel plants.

CRESWELL SWIMMING BATHS

The baths were opened on the 1st April and attendances were as follows :—

Adult Tickets	3,847
Junior Tickets	13,992
Slipper Baths	635
Junior Season Tickers	92
Senior Season Tickets	2
School Children	33,324
Youth Club	243
Spectator Tickets	864
School Free Passes	9
Evening Institute	621

The Schools attending the Baths under the Derbyshire Education Committee Scheme for swimming instruction are as follows :—

Creswell County Junior Mixed
Creswell Secondary Modern Mixed
Whitwell County Junior Mixed
Hodthorpe Junior and Infants Mixed
Killamarsh End County Junior Mixed
Clowne Secondary Modern Mixed
Markland Secondary Modern Mixed
Whaley Thorns County Secondary Modern
Clowne County Junior Mixed
Eckington County Junior Mixed
Spinkhill R.C. Junior Mixed and Infants
Barlborough County Junior Mixed and Infants
Inkersall County Junior Mixed
Marsh Lane County Junior Mixed
Whaley Thorns County Junior Mixed
Shirebrook Stubbins Wood School
Shirebrook Park Junior
Shirebrook M.V. School
Shirebrook Carter Lane
Shirebrook St. Joseph's R.C.
Shirebrook Brookfield
Killamarsh Junior Mixed

WATER SUPPLY

It was the endeavour of the department to decrease the number of dwellings still without a piped water supply and again some small progress was made.

The majority of houses are served by the North Derbyshire Water Board and occasional samples are taken to ensure pure supplies are being maintained.

A few dwellings still receive piped water supplies from the Welbeck Estates Co. Ltd. and from the National Coal Board at Steetley.

PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT

24 Factories are on the register and are visited regularly. Generally conditions are satisfactory.

Power Factories	23
Other Factories (Building sites, etc)	1
Inspections made	12

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Following the compulsory registration of all offices and shops under the above Act, inspections continued during the year. The total number of premises now registered is 117 and all have received at least one visit.

There have been no special problems in connection with this Act, most premises coming up to the standard required.

No accidents in Shops or Offices were reported.

TABLE (a) — Registrations and general inspections

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	-	19	3
Retail shops	2	87	7
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	5	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	6	2
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	117	12

Visits to Registered Premises

117 visits were made by the Inspectors to registered premises.

Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons employed
Offices	62
Retail Shops	237
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	14
Catering establishments open to the public, Canteens	62
Fuel Storage Depots	Nil
TOTAL	375
 Total Males	 111
Total Females	264

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

There are 149 retail shops in the area of which 45 shops sell ice cream and 17 are also making-up places. 253 visits under the Food and Drugs Act were made during the year.

FOOD PREMISES

Fried Fish	5
Butchers	36
Making-up Places	17
Grocers	79
Cafes and Canteens	6
Greengrocers	24
Confectionery	14
Sweets	21
Wet Fish	8

MEAT INSPECTION

Only the slaughterhouse of Mr K. Hallam was licensed during the year. 100% post mortem inspection is carried out at this slaughterhouse and the standard of animals slaughtered is good.

Diseases for which some part of a carcase or organ was condemned

Pneumonia	Pericarditis
Abscesses	Distomatosis
Bruising	Congestion
Actino Mycosis	

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number inspected	271	-	1	506	123
All Diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole Carcases					
Condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was					
Condemned	25	-	-	4	10
Tuberculosis Only					
Whole Carcases					
Condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was					
Condemned	-	-	-	-	-

The total weight of meat and offals condemned was
273 lbs.

FOOD INSPECTION

The majority of food premises were visited at least
once during the year.

Certificates issued by the department cover the fol-
lowing foods :—

Foods submitted for Voluntary surrender

Packaged and Tinned Foods

Fruit	54
Tomatoes	99
Meat	260
Fish	284
Milk	21
Vegetables	361
Miscellaneous	109

Ice Cream

A total of 45 premises is registered.

Cafes and Canteens

All the 6 cafes and canteens comply with the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act. A satisfactory standard is maintained and all are regularly visited.

